

[7th February 1924]

MR. M. RATNASWAMI :—“ May I say that that is hardly an answer to my supplementary question ? I wanted to know in my supplementary question whether private firms do not undertake the same kind of printing as is undertaken by the Government Press and, if so, when private firms can do without European supervision what is the necessity for the European supervision in the Government Press ? ”

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ I am not aware of any private firm that can undertake all the classes of work undertaken by the Government Press that does not employ an European.”

MR. M. RATNASWAMI :—“ May I ask, Sir, what special kind of work is done at the Government Press which is not undertaken by the private firm ? ”

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ I have a very fine sample of the work in my room at the present moment. If the hon. Member will give me the pleasure of his company there, I shall be very pleased to show it to him.”

MR. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—“ I must protest against this, Sir. We too are interested in the matter.”

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ If hon. Members desire, I shall send for the book at once.”

MR. M. RATNASWAMI :—“ May I ask, Sir, whether the same amount and the same kind of European supervision is found necessary in the other Government Presses in India ? ”

The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—“ I have no exact information, but I believe some of the other Government Presses have considerably more European supervision than we have.”

MR. M. RATNASWAMI :—“ May I know how many ? ”  
(No answer.)

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186 Q.—MR. YAHYA ALI SAHIB : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state why, as provided in rule 36 (2) of the Devolution Rules framed under the Government of India Act, a Joint Financial Secretary has not been appointed for examining and dealing with financial questions arising in relation to transferred subjects ?

A.—The question of the appointment of a Joint Secretary contemplated in Devolution Rule 36 (2) and (3) was considered, but since the necessity for the creation of the post has not yet arisen the appointment was not made.

MR. YAHYA ALI SAHIB :—“ Is it because that there is no necessity or is it because that the hon. the Ministers do not desire such an appointment to be made ? ”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—“ The answer already given is complete. As yet there has been no necessity for such an appointment. If such a necessity arises, the matter will be considered.”

Sriman SASIBHUSHANA RATH Mahasayo :—“ Does the hon. the Minister say that there is no necessity for such an appointment as that so far as the transferred departments are concerned ? ”

(No answer.)